

## **MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

### **MINUTES – JANUARY 14, 2021**

The January 14, 2021 meeting of the Mansfield Township Environmental Commission was conducted via Zoom and was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Participating were Chair Paul Tarlowe, Jim McMekin, Robert Jewell, Amanda Kilyk, Ruth Panté, Township Clerk Dena Hrebenak and Township Committeeman Glen McGuinness. Not attending were Glenn Todd, Kathie Todd and Township Committeewoman Desiree Dillon. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### Minutes

Mr. Jewell MOVED to accept and approve the minutes of the December 10, 2020 meeting, seconded by Mr. McMekin. With no further comments, the motion carried.

#### Correspondence

A letter dated December 2, 2020 from Bob McNulty was addressed to the Township Committee, Economic Development Advisory Board, Environmental Commission and the Historical and Recreational Committee but was not received in time for the December Environmental Commission meeting. Mr. McNulty is not a resident of Mansfield Township. No environmental issues were contained in the letter that points to inflammatory political signage on Rt. 57 during the 2020 Presidential election.

Also received was an E&LP letter received Friday; this could be an engineering firm near Hunterdon County. The Township Clerk was asked to follow up. Two notices were received; one is a DEP application for a possible five parcel subdivision on Rt. 57 which fronts from Beattystown to Ryan Way; this is R-2 zone with no sewer line. Ms. Hrebenak will scan and circulate the letter. They have not come to the Township yet.

#### Bluebird Trail

Mr. Tarlowe has not heard from Ms. Smith. The nesting boxes should go in place by next month the latest; Mr. Tarlowe is seeking volunteers to participate. Mr. Tarlowe will reach out to the two families initially taking part in this effort. If no one is interested, Mr. Tarlowe suggested donating the boxes to the Audubon Society or some other interested committee. Mr. Tarlowe is considering taking over the website.

#### Commission Membership

Mr. Tarlowe continues to reach out to Kathie Todd and Glenn Todd with no response. Glen McGuinness will reach out to the Township Committee. Ms. Hrebenak said the minutes of the reorganization meeting of the Township Committee were just posted, and they show three positions are now unfilled for the Environmental Commission; the website does not show open

positions. In a WRNJ interview Mayor Watters explained the openings, no one has come forward.

#### By Laws

No by-laws have been found for the Environmental Commission.

#### Wild and Scenic Film Festival

Sponsor opportunities are available for this February or September event; activism is sought from towns and/or environmental commissions to act as a sponsor. Mr. Tarlowe will get more details to share.

#### Land Use Board

Mr. Jewell said the next meeting is reorganization; no changes expected. It has been a slow year for this Board.

#### Comments

Mr. McGuinness said farmers are asking where to go for deer depredation permits.

Mr. McMekin MOVED to adjourn at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth A. Panté

**Next meeting date:  
February 11, 2021**